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ADDRESS

Of the Right Honourable the

Lords Spiritual and Temporal

In Parliament Assembled,

PRESENTED TO

HER MAJESTY.

WITH

Her Majesties

MOST GRACIOUS

ANSWER.

LONDON,

Printed by *John Baskett*, Printer to the Queens most Excellent Majesty, And by the Assigns of *Thomas Newcomb*, and *Henry Hills*, deceas'd. 1713.

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Die Lunæ 15 Martii, 1713.

ORdered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Aſſembled, That the Addreſs of this Houſe, Preſented to Her Majeſty, and Her Majeſties moſt Gracious Anſwer thereunto, be forthwith Printed and Publiſhed.

Math. Johnſon,
Cler' Parliamentor'

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Lords Spiritual and Temporal

In PARLIAMENT Aſſembled.

Die Jovis 11 *Martii*, 1713.

WE Your Majeſties moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Aſſembled, beg Leave humbly to Repreſent to Your Majeſty, That we have begun our Endeavours to Suppreſs Seditious Papers (which Your Majeſty was pleaſed to take Notice of in Your moſt Gracious Speech from the Throne) by Applying our ſelves to Diſcover the Author, Printer, and Publiſher of a Pamphlet, Intituled, *The Publick Spirit of the Whigs, ſet forth in their Generous Encouragement of the Author of the* Criſis, *with ſome Obſervations on the Seaſonableneſs, Candor, Erudition, and Style of that Treatiſe.* London, *Printed for* John Morphew *near* Stationers Hall. 1714. Which we conceive to be a Falſe, Malicious, and Factious Libel, highly Diſhonourable and Scandalous to Your Subjects of *Scotland*, tending to the Deſtruction of the Conſtitution, and (by making Falſe and Unjuſt Reflections upon the Union, and the Steps and Motives to it) moſt Injurious to Your Majeſty, who have been pleaſed often to Declare from the Throne, That the Union of the Two Kingdoms is the peculiar Happineſs of Your Reign, in making a full Proviſion for the Peace and Quiet of Your People, and the Security of our Religion, by ſo firm an Eſtabliſhment of the Proteſtant

Succeſſion throughout *Great Britain:* It Appeared to us, by the Confeſſion of the ſaid *John Morphew* at our Bar, That he Publiſhed, Sold, and Diſperſed that Libel; and by the Examination of ſeveral Witneſſes on Oath, That the ſame was Printed by *John Barber*, a Printer, who, at the time of the Printing the ſaid Seditious Libel, was and yet is Intruſted with Printing the *Gazette*; But the ſaid *John Barber*, in his Examination, Inſiſting not to Anſwer any Queſtions, the Anſwer to which might tend to Accuſe himſelf, or to Corroborate the Accuſation againſt him, we have not as yet been able to Diſcover the Author of the ſaid Libel, or who brought the Written Copy thereof to be Printed. And therefore, that nothing may be wanting on our Parts, towards the Diſcovering and Puniſhing ſo great a Criminal, as we take the Author of the ſaid Libel to be, We do moſt humbly beſeech Your Majeſty, That Your Majeſty will be Graciouſly Pleaſed to Iſſue Your Royal Proclamation, with a Promiſe therein of ſuch a Reward as Your Majeſty ſhall, in Your Royal Wiſdom, think fit, to any Perſon who ſhall Diſcover, and make due Proof againſt the Author or Authors of the ſaid Libel; As alſo Your Majeſties moſt Gracious Pardon to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall make ſuch Diſcovery, of all Crimes and Miſdemeanors committed in relation to the Printing, Publiſhing, and Diſperſing the ſaid Libel.

Her MAJESTIES moſt Gracious Anſwer.

My LORDS,

I Thank you for the Concern you ſhew for Suppreſſing all Seditious Libels:

And have given Order for a Proclamation according as is deſired.

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